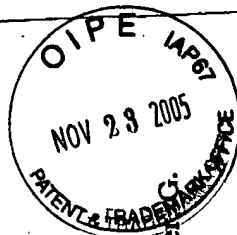


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APPLICANTS:	Crump et al.	CONFIRMATION NO.	1741
SERIAL NUMBER:	10/040,975	ART UNIT:	2143
FILING DATE:	December 28, 2001	EXAMINER:	Neurauter, G.
TITLE:	Central Control of Multiple Address Domains within a Router		

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**Affidavit Under 37 CFR §1.131**

Janet Y. Doong, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

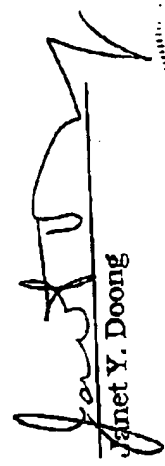
1. I am a coinventor of Claims 1-20 of the patent application identified above and inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. Prior to March 20, 2001, I had completed the invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:

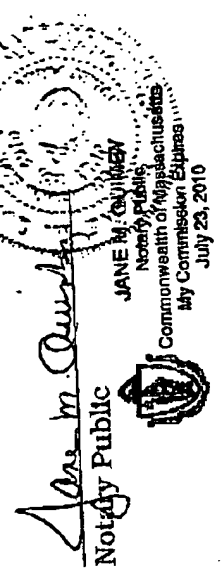
- a. Prior to May 12, 2000, having earlier conceived the idea of a router to efficiently connect to multiple address domains by maintaining separate, domain-specific routing tables for a plurality of domains, I participated in the completion of Chapter Eight, titled "VPN Manager," of the document titled "MPLS VPN Functional Specification (Exhibit A), dated May 12, 2000.

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- b. Prior to September 26, 2000, I participated in the production of a Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure describing the conceived router (Exhibit B) and dated September 26, 2000.
  - c. Prior to September 28, 2000, I participated in the production of a second Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure describing the conceived router (Exhibit C) and dated September 28, 2000.
  - d. Prior to October 12, 2000, at least one of the said Invention Disclosures was submitted to the Nortel Networks legal department.
  - d. Nortel Networks legal department acknowledged receipt of the Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure and assigned the Disclosure a Disclosure No. in an Invention Disclosure Submission Reply (Exhibit D), dated October 12, 2000.
  - e. Nortel Networks authorized the preparation and filing of the present patent application.
  - f. The present patent application was filed on December 28, 2001.
3. Each of the dates in Exhibits A, B, C, and D is prior to March 20, 2001.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2005.

  
Janet Y. Doong

  
Jane M. Quinlan  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires July 23, 2010